

ONE-STOREY BUILDINGS TO HOUSE LA SALLE

Reminders

Today

Whist Drive (for civilians and Servicemen) European YMCA, 8 p.m.
Paintings Exhibition, Hotel Cecil, 10 a.m.
Past-Present Students of Hua Chung University, meeting at St. Mary's Church, 8 p.m.
St. Andrew's Church women's Guild meeting, at Vicarage, 10 a.m.
H.K. Women's International Club open to servicemen, 7.30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Bridge Drive (for civilians and Servicemen) European YMCA, 8 p.m.
Liberation Day Concert Day, at European YMCA, 9 p.m. Middlesex Regiment Band (Service men free admission)
Philippine Club Cocktail Party in honour of new Consul Dr. Jose V. Rodriguez, 11.30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
HK Stage Club Casting Meeting for The Importance of being Earnest, P.T.Q. Theatre, 8.30 p.m.
Urban Council meeting GPO Building, 4.15 p.m.
Mahjong Lessons (Servicemen free) European YMCA, 8 p.m.
Douglas Steamship Company cocktail party on board M.S. Hai Meng, 8.30 p.m.
THURSDAY
Kowloon Rotary Club lunch Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Y's Men's luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
The Barnstormers variety show for Forces, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Resettlement Of Refugees In Samar Camp

Manila, August 28. The Little Dominican Republic of Central America has issued entry permits for 250 international refugees from Red China.

The chosen group is expected to leave Samar Camp, 400 miles South of Manila, in about three weeks for their new homes in the Caribbean Sea. They will travel with approximately 1,000 other refugees, bound for Australia, Guatemala, Ecuador, Guiana and France.

Four thousand refugees, mostly white Russians will continue to await resettlement offers. Their temporary haven by the Philippine government is under the auspices of the International Refugee Organisation and is to end on October 31.

The former Dominican Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Nicholas Richards, said he chose mechanics, farmers, housekeepers, and children. He added that industry will give the technicians jobs on landing while the farmers will be given a "piece of land."—Associated Press.

Mental Health Of Former POW's

Gdneva, August 27. Experts on mental complaints in conference here today urged a complete study of concentration camp history to find out what light it throws on human nature.

They also recommend the establishment of a permanent international institution for mental health and human relations.

Nearly 200 psychiatrists, and sociologists from 33 countries, meeting here for the second assembly of the World Federation for Mental Health, made their recommendation on concentration camps after hearing a report from an advisory committee.

This said that the causes, phenomena and consequences of concentration camp history have so far been largely overlooked and data is becoming more scarce. It is necessary to find out from the history of concentration camps what light they throw on human nature, in what circumstances they occurred, what likehood there is of their recurrence, and what were their effects on the people in charge, the inmates, and on public opinion which passively tolerated them.

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The project of erecting several large blocks of one-storey houses to take the place of the recently requisitioned La Salle College is under way in full swing near the junction of Argyle Street and Waterloo Road.

The area, which was visited by a "China Mail" reporter yesterday, is bounded on the North by houses facing Argyle Street and on the East by the elevated King George V School grounds. The whole work is expected to finish by the end of September.

Release Of Professor Li Expected

Canton, August 28. Professor Li Pui-man, dean of the College of Agriculture, Lingnan University, is due for release following his detention on a reported political charge.

One reason for his arrest is that he may have been in connection with his father, General Li Chai-sum, now an ally of the Communists in Peiping.

The professor has been teaching agriculture for almost twenty years and did not dabble in politics even during the heyday of his father's political career as the top official in Canton. Professor Li's entire interest is said to be academic.

General Li Chai-sum is the Chairman of the Kuomintang Revolutionary Committee, which was first formed in Hong Kong following his refusal to accept a sinecure post offered by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in Nanking in 1947. General Li expected to join the coming Political Consultative Conference in Peiping.

Three professors of National Sun Yat-sen University and four under-graduates are still detained by the Defence Commission's Headquarters on political charges. The professors are Messrs. Chang Tao-jen, Chia Kuo-yung and Hsiao Wei-shin.

On July 12, eight professors and about 130 students were taken into custody following a pre-dawn raid. After confinement lasting from one week to almost a month they were gradually released except for the seven teachers and students.

Haile Selassie Orders Death

Asmara, August 27. Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia today ordered the hanging of the leaders of 600 railwaymen who this week stormed the offices and workshops of the Franco-Ethiopian Railway Company at Direwada, between Addis Ababa and Djibouti.

The attack, reported yesterday, caused injuries to about 50 European employees of the Railway.

Cause of the trouble is still unknown.

French, Italian, Greek and American workers were said to be involved.—Reuter.

Meanwhile, the beams and skeleton woodwork have already been put up on platforms, and the long parallel blocks of each approximately 100 feet in length have already taken shape. There will be six blocks, each divided into six airy classrooms. One of the blocks will contain a teachers' room and a special room set out for medical inspection.

Nearby, a large assembly hall big enough to hold all the boys in the school will be built. There will also be a playground on the Western side of the cluster of houses.

The Metropolitan Construction Company are among the builders attending to the erection project. The work, which is undertaken by the Government, is being supervised by the Public Works Department.

Several large bulldozers and other such machines can be seen around the place, which is a veritable hive of activity at present.

The Reverend Cassiano, the rector of the school, told the rector that he expected at least a small portion of the classrooms to be finished by September 12 in order that the pupils of Matriculation Class and Class 2 could start their course on that date.

Brothers' Promises

The La Salle brothers—10 in number—are now staying at a new apartment house situated right at the rear of House No. 126 Argyle Street, to which access is gained at a side lane branching from Argyle Street. It is also used as the school office. The house, it was learned, was allotted to them by the Government for the time being.

It is understood that a hospital will be constructed by the authorities on behalf of the Army, and this will be occupied by the Army who will then be required to La Salle. This will take about two years. In the meantime, the brothers reside in the house at Argyle Street, and the students study in the huts when completed.

Asked his opinion of the huts, Brother Cassian remarked that everything on the whole has turned out quite satisfactorily, and expressed his approval of the classrooms under construction.

The site is situated on the No. 9 and 7 Kowloon Bus routes, and can be reached in a matter of 10 minutes by bus from the Star Ferry.

Badger Hands Over

Manila, August 27. Vice-Admiral Oscar C. Badger handed over the command of the U.S. 7th Task Fleet to Vice-Admiral Russell S. Berkey in Manila Bay today and said that although he was unable to predict the future, he knew that the Navy's China operations were beginning a new phase.

He said the last Navy plane left China Saturday upon completion of the evacuation programme. Shortly after the handing over ceremony, Admiral Badger left by plane for Washington for re-assignment and consultations.

Admiral Badger, who assumed command of naval forces in the Western Pacific in February, 1948, said that the U.S. Navy's China operations had upheld the highest traditions.

"The Chinese now have a healthy respect for the U.S. Navy and know that the Navy, when properly roused, will stop at nothing—bullets and bombs," he declared.—United Press.

Singapore, August 27. With a population of about 1,000,000 Singapore has had 41 cases of polio so far this year against 149 in the last eight months of 1948. It was announced today. There have been no deaths.—Reuter.

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La Salle Building Project



A scene taken of the present activity in the construction of the new La Salle school buildings, which will be composed mainly of six long blocks of huts, each containing six airy classrooms. Work is expected to finish by the end of September. ("China Mail" Photo).

Press For Changes In Arms Aid Programme

Washington, August 27. Two Republican Senators—William F. Knowland and Arthur Vandenberg—maintained pressure today for major changes in President Truman's \$1,450,000,000 arms aid programme.

A Senate committee showdown is due shortly on the issues these involve—whether to write China into the bill, and whether to cut the Western Europe aid figure.

Mr. Knowland promised a full scale review of U.S. policy in the Pacific when the programme reaches the Senate floor.

He said newspaper reports indicate that administration leaders still do not like his proposal that arms for China be included in the programme, although he has modified his proposed amendment on this subject.

"I am going to continue fighting for it in the committee and on the Senate floor, and we will have a full scale review of our policy in the Pacific," Mr. Knowland told a reporter.

The Californian said he will not be satisfied by a reported compromise proposal that some money for non-Communist China—but no requirement that it be spent for arms—be added to the bill.

Long Neglect
"I am going to insist that China be treated on the same basis as other nations in this bill," Mr. Knowland declared. "We have neglected our Asiatic flank long enough."

The bill carries nothing for China at present. The Secretary of States, Dean Acheson, who has written off China's Nationalist

Government as a failure, told Congress recently that the Administration did not feel justified in asking arms for China. He said a fund that the President could use in the Far East at his discretion would be helpful, however.

Mr. Knowland's latest proposal would authorize the President to spend \$210,000,000 at his discretion for military assistance to non-Communist China, Korea, the Philippines and elsewhere in the Far East. Mr. Knowland's amendment would make a net addition of \$193,000,000 to the bill, since the original already carries some funds for Korea and the Philippines.

Vandenberg Demand
Mr. Vandenberg refused to drop his demand that Congress make a \$160,000,000 slash in proposed military assistance, although General Omar N. Bradley told Senate committees on Friday that such a cut would be false economy.

Most of the money the Michigan Senator wants to take off the programme is intended to stimulate arms production in Atlantic pact countries. He is backing an amendment jointly with Senator John F. Dulles, New York Republican.

Mr. Vandenberg and his supporters argue that increasing Western European arms production should await recommendations to be made by the Defence Council contemplated under the Atlantic alliance.—Associated Press.

New Clashes On Iranian Frontier

Tehran, August 27. New border clashes of moderate intensity between Soviet and Iranian frontier guards were reported today by an Iranian General Staff spokesman.

The spokesman said the clashes occurred on August 19 along the Atrak River in Gorgan Province. Fighting began when Soviet and Iranian patrols met and both opened fire without inflicting casualties.

The spokesman denied the reports that the Soviet destroyed an Iranian frontier post, and explained that these clashes were most common since the frontier is undefended and the Atrak river constantly changes to Iran's disadvantage.—United Press.

Yoshida Approves Tax Plan

Gotemba, August 27. Premier Shigeru Yoshida, who is on holiday in this resort town at the base of Mount Fuji, today expressed satisfaction over the American tax reform proposals for Japan formulated by Carl S. Shoup.

"This is much brighter news than was previously expected," Mr. Yoshida said.

He pointed out the programme envisages tax reductions on one hand and most appropriate tax reforms on the other hand.

Mr. Shoup, Columbia University tax expert, left Japan today after a four-month study of the Japanese tax situation. His recommendations to SCAP were aimed to readjust the tax situation for expediting America's nine-point programme for stabilisation of Japan's economy.—United Press.

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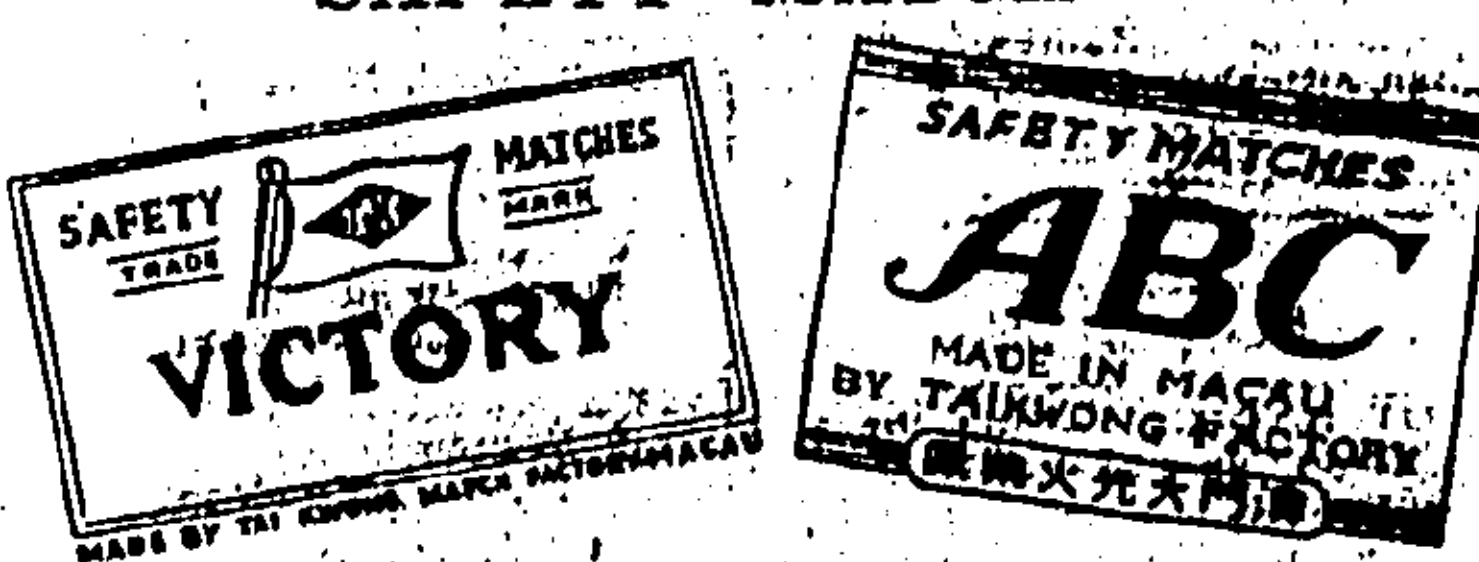
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Photo shows Dr. Jose V. Rodriguez and Mrs. Ken Baker,
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Reception in Honour
Of Philippine Consul

Members of the Filipino community in Hong Kong
as well as many guests were present yester-
day afternoon at the official reception of Dr.
Jose V. Rodriguez, MD, new Consul for the
Philippines in Hong Kong who arrived some
weeks ago to take up his post.

The reception, held at the
Hong Kong Hotel Roof Gar-
den, was organised by the
Hong Kong Musicians' Union.
Tea was served and an in-
formal dance held.

Among those present were
the Philippine Vice-Consul Mr.
B. M. Bautista, Colonel Amato
N. Bautista, general manager of
the National Development Com-
pany, Mr. Hernandez Abiera,
Chief Reparations Mission Officer
of the Philippines to Japan,
Mr. Delino, Philippine Consul in
Canton and Second Secretary to
the Philippine Legation in China,
Mr. Manuel Collantes, Second
Secretary to the Philippine Em-
bassy in Washington, Lieutenant
Lorenzo of the Philippine Army,
Mr. Ken Baker, Labour Officer,
Mrs. Baker, and many others.
Miss Lorna Hidalgo provided
good entertainment with her
singing. A display of dancing
was shown during the afternoon.

RE-TRIAL FOR
YOUNG BRITON

Ipswich, August 27.
A Supreme Court Judge today
ordered a re-trial for a 26-year-
old Briton accused of murder here,
after two European assessors re-
turned a finding of "Not Guilty."
The Judge ordered fresh assess-
ors for the new trial.
The Briton, Derek Desmond
Hopper, mines security officer, was
alleged to have shot dead a Chinese
sugar dealer detained after an am-
bush last November, when two
European miners were killed.
Hopper is employed by South-
ern Kintala Consolidated Limited,
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but said that menace of Communism
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ready to pay the price.

Declaring "godless, cynical,
grasping, materialistic, totalitar-
ian, Marxist Communism is one
of the great factors now menacing
the peace of the world," Mr. Mat-
thews added: "The outcome of
the new conflict of ideologies de-
pends upon us. We can favour-
ably resolve even that issue if we
so desire and are ready to pay the
price for so precious a victory."

Speaking at ceremonies marking
the 30th anniversary of the dis-
covery of oil here, Mr. Matthews
said part of the price is the Ad-
ministration's foreign arms aid
programme pending in Congress.

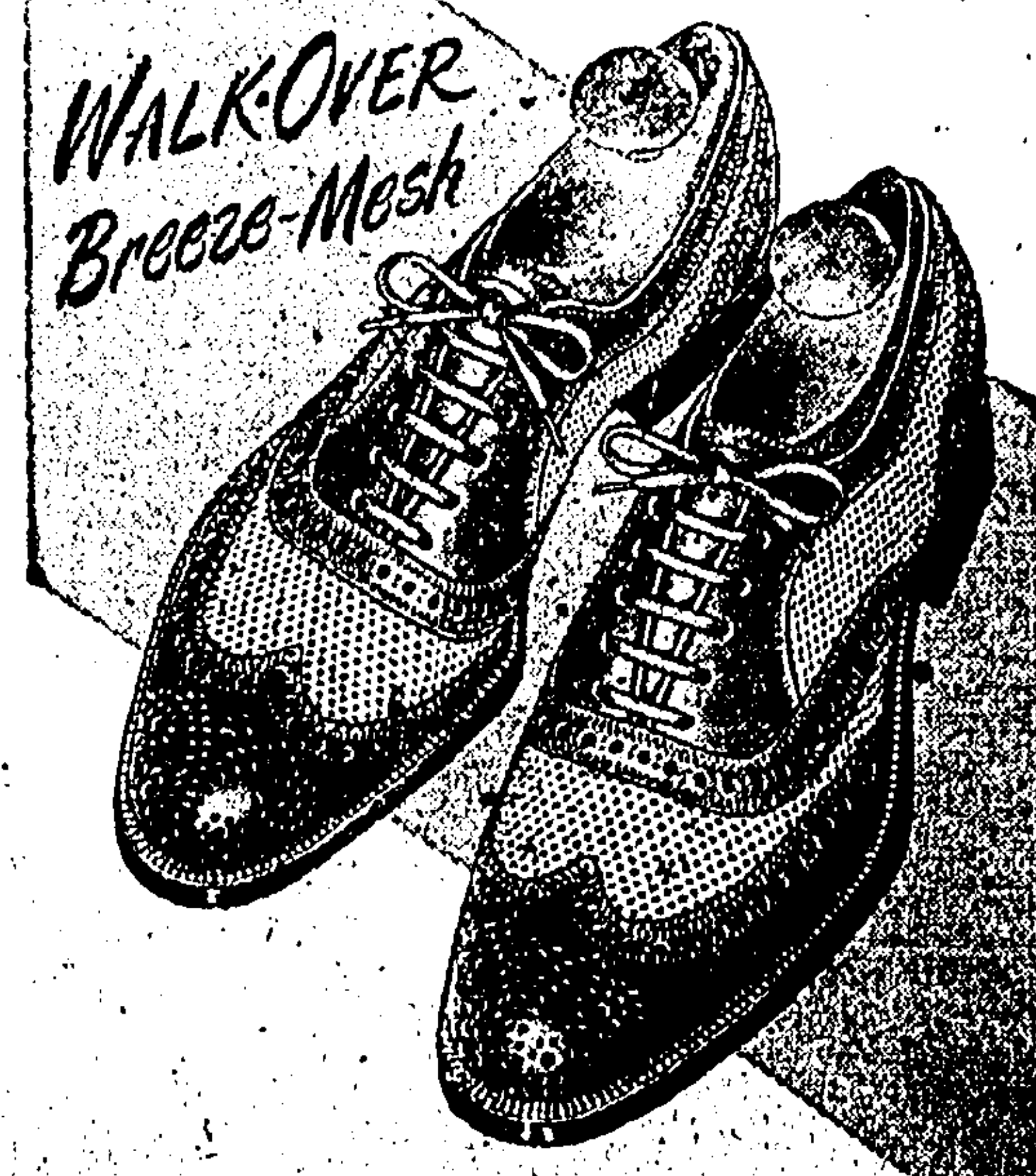
He said of the arms pro-
gramme: "We trust that it will
hearten peace-loving peoples
everywhere to resist any threat of
aggression and it may ultimately
convince any conspirator against
peace that armed conquest cannot
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—United Press.

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tricks in the suit. In some
situations, such a play is desirable
in order to enable you to un-
derstand the play in the other
hand. In other cases, it may be
attempted for the pur-
pose of creating one more entry
into either the dummy or your
own closed hand. In still rarer
circumstances, it may be to
change the timing at the close
of the hand, so you may execute
a squeeze or throw-in play.

From there in, one declarer
muffed his opportunity, and the
other made good. The bungler
ruffed the diamond 3 with the
spade 8, scored the spade K and
Q and ruffed the heart 2 with the
spade A, his last trump, so he
could be in his own hand to play
diamonds. He ruffed in the A
and K, but that left him bereft,
with only seven tricks in, and he
had to lose the last three to be
down three.

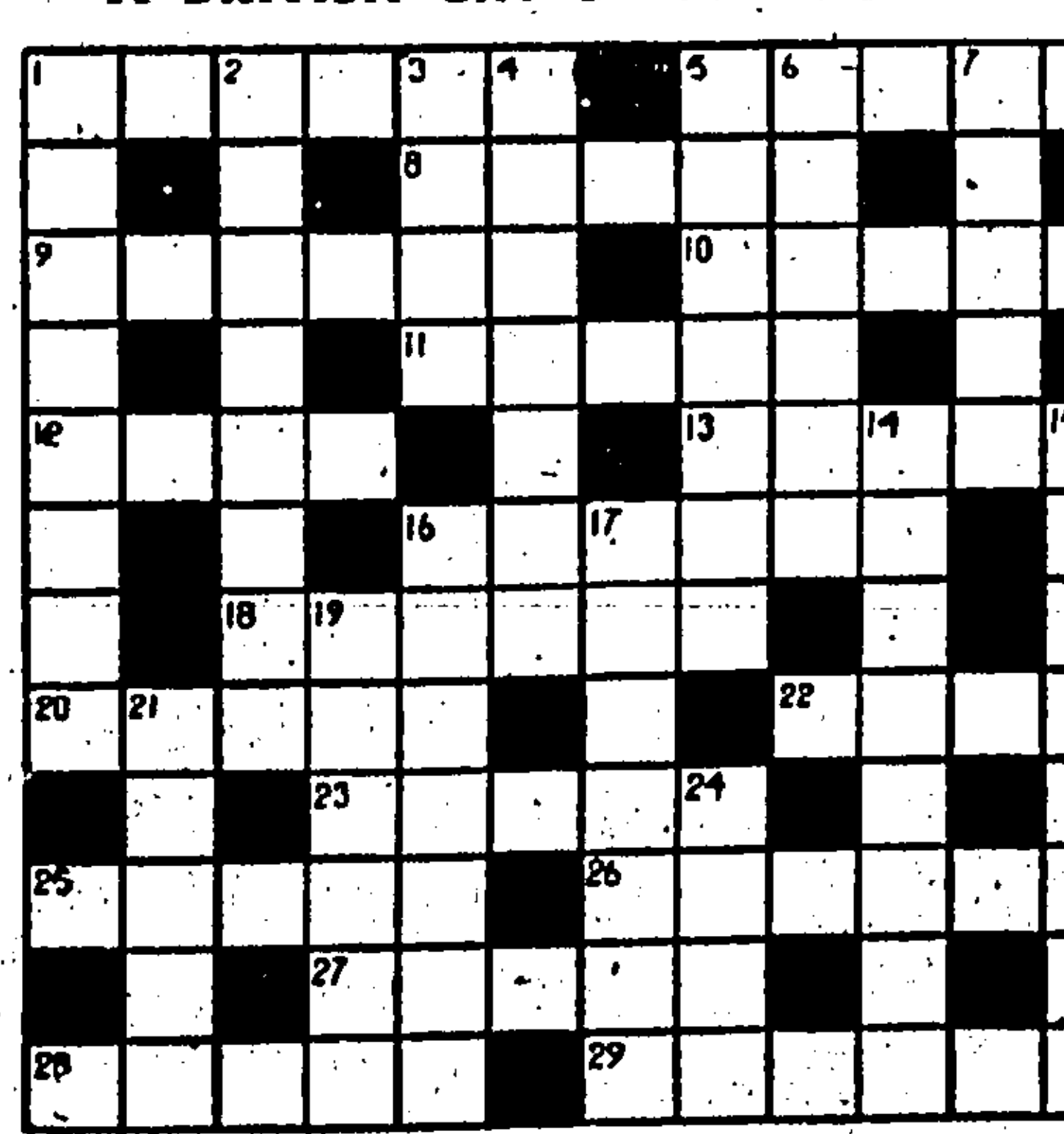
The other declarer, when in on
the fourth trick with the ruff of
the heart 10, saw he needed en-
tries to his own hand. So he
ruffed the diamond 3 with the
spade K, scored the spade Q and
then took the manufactured
finesse of the spade 8 to the 10,
which worked. His spade A
then drew the last hostile trump,
rendering the clubs not subject
to ruffing. So he blithely scored
the diamond A and K, and wound
up with the club 10, 9 and 8 to
make his contract.

Tomorrow's Problem
S 9
HAKQ 842
DAKQ
CAJ 9
S 6 2 S Q 753
H J 10 6 5 H 9 7 3
D 8 5 4 2 D 10
C K Q 3 C 10 8 7 6 2

East's bidding of hearts could
have been better rationalized if
he had done it on his second turn,
over the 2-Diamonds, instead of
his 2-Spades when holding only
three. His late heart call, enab-
ling South to make a lead-directing
double, was of no purpose,
apparently, yet two players in a
match-point pair tournament
made it. At both of those tables,
the North cashed the club A and K,

(Dealer: North, Both sides vul-
nerable).
How should South play for 7-
Diamonds after West leads the
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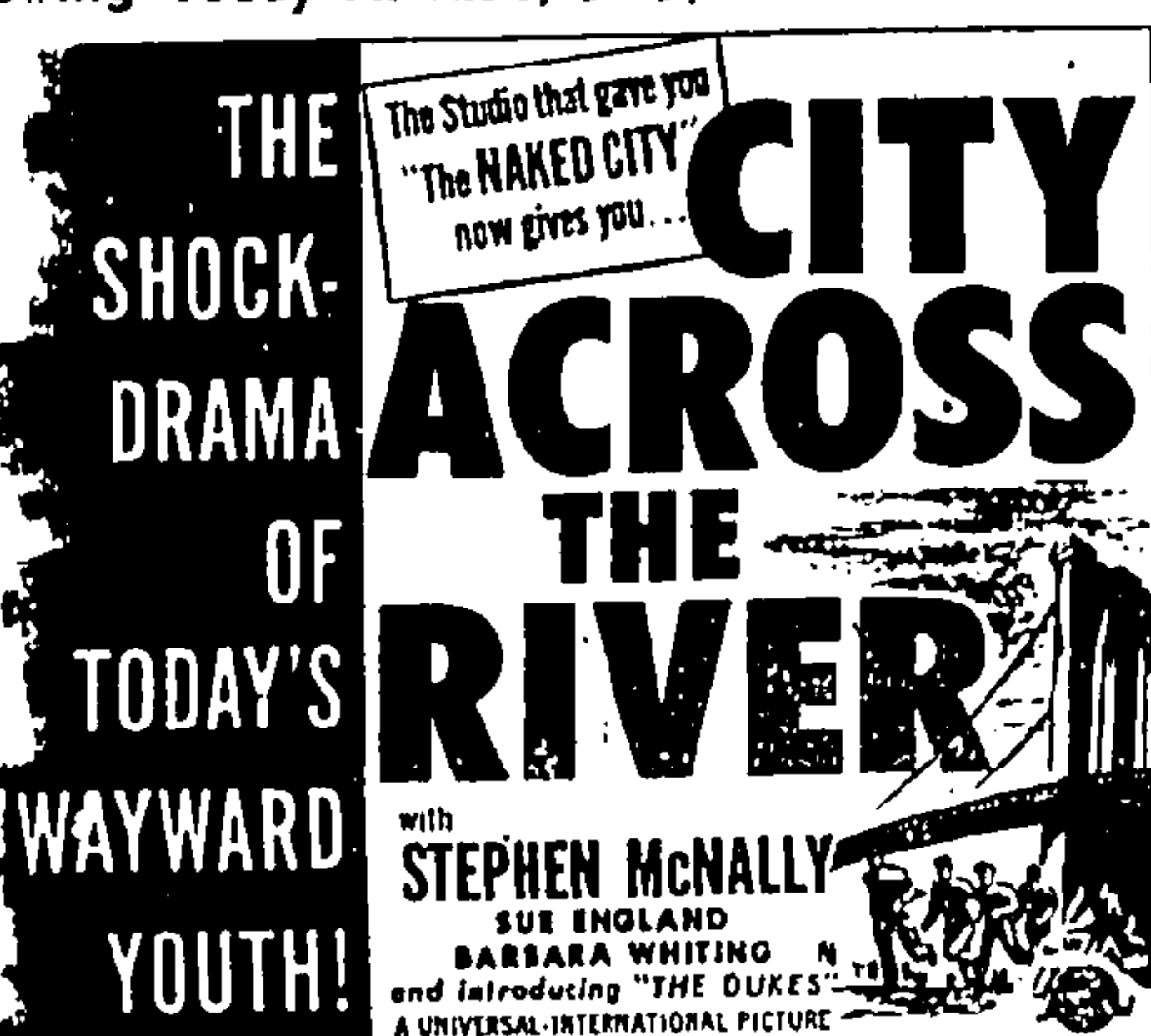
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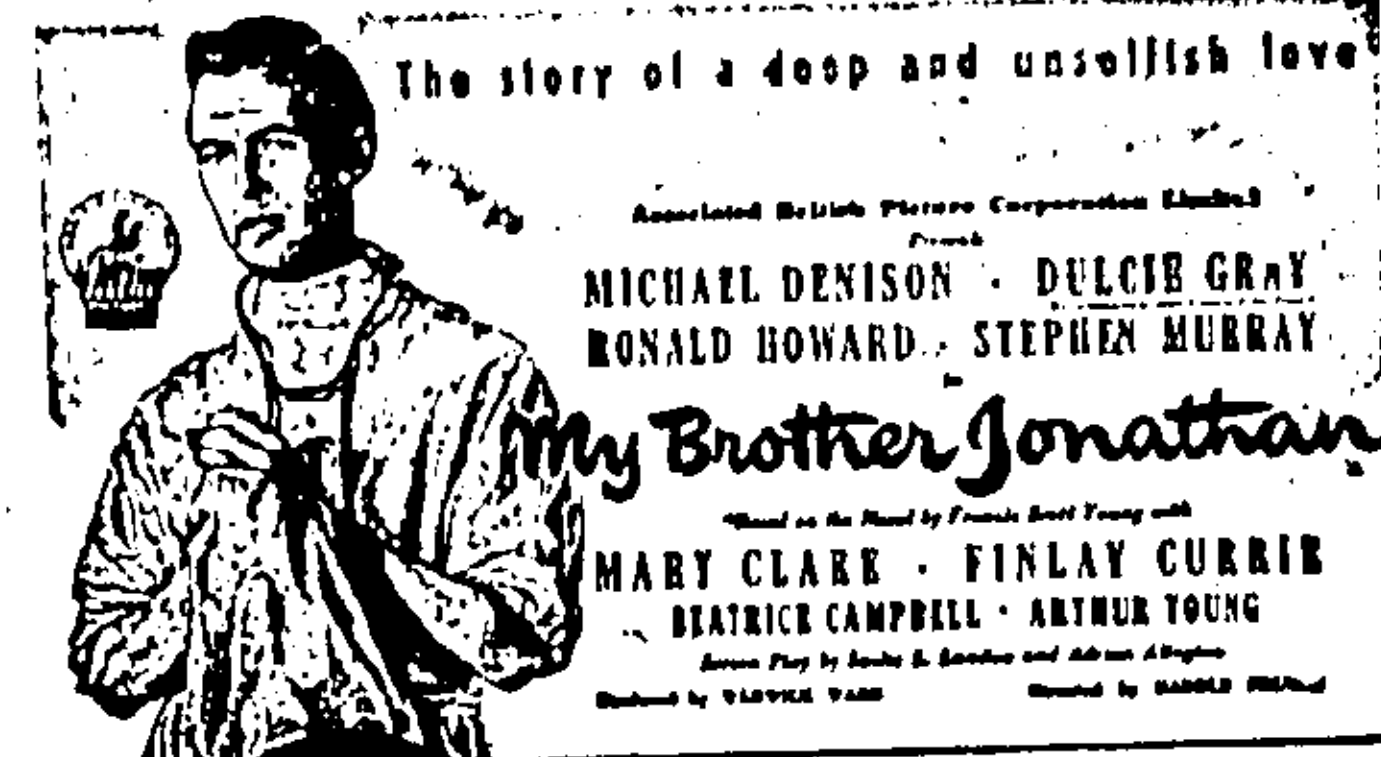
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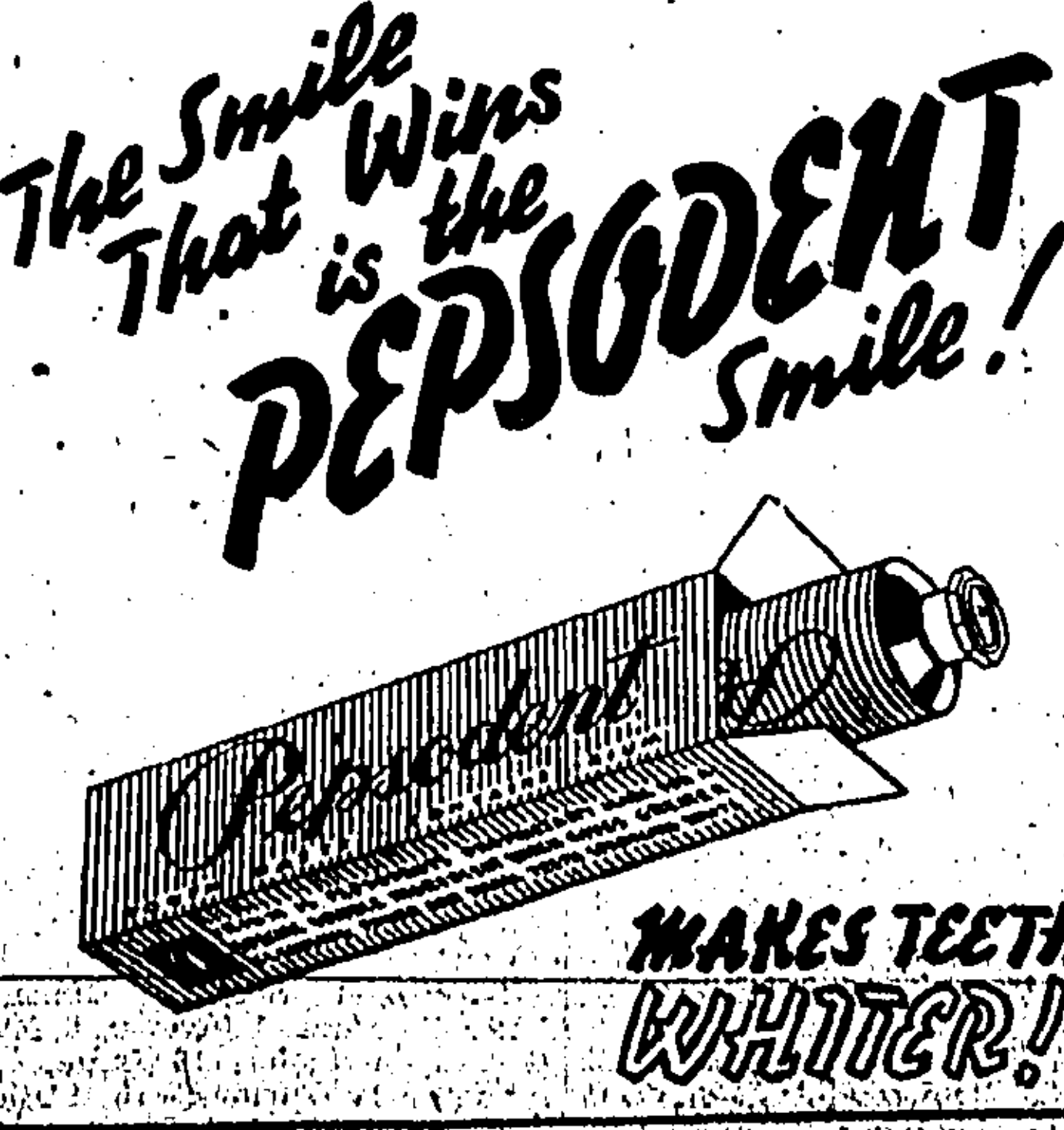
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ROMULO AS NEXT UN PRESIDENT

Lake Success, August 27. — Brigadier General Carlos P. Romulo, permanent Philippine delegate to the United Nations, is generally regarded here today as the favorite for the presidency of the General Assembly this year.

Election for this key post will be held when the Assembly opens on September 20.

Two other names mentioned in behind-the-scenes talks as likely candidates — Sir Mohammed Zafarullah Khan of Pakistan and Mr. Nasrallah Entezam of Iran.

But observers in a position to know said there is no likelihood of either standing against General Romulo.

If elected, General Romulo will be the fifth President of the Assembly. The others were M. Paul-Henri Spaak (Belgium), Dr. Oswaldo Aranha (Brazil), Dr. Jose Arce (Argentina) and R. Herbert V. Ewart (Australia).

General Romulo has been active in the United Nations since its start in 1945. He served last year as Chairman of the Assembly's special Political Committee.

Supporters of General Romulo are saying today that opposition to his candidature for the Presidency may come from the Eastern European countries in view of the General's recent activities in the Philippines for organizing a Pacific Union as a bulwark against Communism.

General Romulo was entrusted with the task of organizing the alliance by the Philippine President, Senor Elpidio Quirino.

General Romulo, who for the past month has been sounding out the nations of the Pacific region, left Manila today for Lake Success.—Reuter.

ROMANIA LOOKS TO RUSSIA

Moscow, August 27.

The Rumanian Defence Minister, Emil Bodnarash, in an article on the Rumanian Army, stressed the importance of studying the achievements of advanced Soviet military science, according to a news bulletin issued by the Rumanian Embassy here today.

This would ensure the high military preparedness of the Rumanian armed forces, he said.—Reuter.

MILITARY REVOLT IN BOLIVIA

Buenos Aires, August 27.

A revolutionary movement has broken out in Bolivia, according to Argentine Foreign Ministry circles, quoting a Bolivian Government communication from La Paz.

Reports received here by short-wave radio from Antofagasta, Northern Chile, spoke of a military revolt in which elements of the Nationalist Revolutionary Movement were said to be taking part.

The movement began simultaneously in the towns of Cochabamba, Oruro and Santa Cruz, the reports added.

Cabibiel was sworn in on August 3. In May President Enrique Hertzog handed temporary control of the Government to the Vice-President, Mr. Mamerto Urriolagoitia, owing to illness.

Almost immediately the Government decreed general mobilization, following disorder in the tin mines, main source of Bolivia's wealth.

At Catavi, one of the world's largest tin mines, miners fought with troops and killed several of the managerial staff. The total death toll was estimated at about 150.

The strikes subsequently ended but there have been disturbances since.

Pitched Battle

Bolivian nationalists, said to have come from Argentina, have fought a pitched battle with troops in the Bolivian border town of Villazon. Many members of the National Revolutionary Movement were arrested after the attempt to seize Villazon and the tin mine rioting.

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The State Department published documents today showing that as early as 1933 American diplomats in the Far East were warning that Japan might attack the United States.

The documents were published in the first of five volumes detailing the foreign relations of the United States, 1933.

The present volume deals with the Far East.

Probably the strongest warning of future Japanese aggression came from Mr. Joseph C. Grew, then United States Ambassador in Tokyo, who wired the Secretary of State, Mr. Henry L. Stimson, "There is no bluff in her attitude."

Despite these warnings, the United States continued to oppose negotiations or armistices against either participant in the Sino-Japanese war.

Sanctions were opposed by President Herbert Hoover, whose term of office ended in March, 1933, and by the State Department under President Roosevelt.

Ambassador Grew's analysis of Japan's attitude, wired to the Secretary of State in February, 1933, said:

No Bluff

"Every important step by the League of Nations has been forestalled here, in order to demonstrate Japan's independence of action and disregard for Western interference with what she conceives to be her own vital interests."

"There is no bluff in her attitude. The military themselves, and the public through military propaganda, are fully prepared to fight rather than to surrender to moral or other pressure from the West."

"A large section of the public and the Army has been led by military propaganda to believe that war between the United States and Japan or Russia and Japan, or both, is inevitable."

"The military and naval machines are in a state of high efficiency and are rapidly being strengthened. They possess complete self-confidence and arrogance. The Navy is becoming more bellicose."

War Danger

President Hoover read Ambassador Grew's message and gave his reasons for opposing sanctions in a letter to the Secretary of State, Mr. Stimson.

He said, "The imposition of any kind of sanction, military or economic, would in the present state of mind of the Japanese people, provoke the spread of the conflagration already in progress, and might even involve the United States."

A few days after President Roosevelt succeeded President Hoover.

U.S. Admiral To See Franco

Madrid, August 27.

Admiral Richard Conolly, C-in-C of the U.S. Naval Forces in the Eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean, will pay a formal visit to Generalissimo Francisco Franco next month.

The audience will take place while four American warships are visiting Spanish ports. Two cruisers and two destroyers are to arrive at La Coruña on September 9.

King Abdullah of Transjordan will visit Spain in September and pay a call on Generalissimo Franco. The King is at present in Britain visiting King George VI.—United Press.

SECRET PLAN FOR KASHMIR

Srinagar, August 27.

The United Nations Commission on Kashmir decided today to send a delegation to India and Pakistan with secret proposals.

Observers believe that the proposals are designed to bring the two governments together to conclude an agreement on a truce in Kashmir.

The delegation will fly to Karachi on Monday and then on to New Delhi.

The delegation will consist of Dr. Oldrich Chyly of Czechoslovakia, the commission's present chairman, and Mr. Erik Colman, representative of the United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Trygve Lie.

It will return here in about four days. The Commission headquarters are reticent about the nature of the proposals, but according to observers here, certain compromise suggestions on the disputed points are envisaged.

The Commission had fixed a joint meeting of the two governments at New Delhi for August 22, but called it off after receiving their reactions to the provisional agenda.

In a statement last week, giving the reasons for the cancellation, the Commission said that the main difficulties with respect to the agenda concerned the disbanding and disarming the Azad (Free) Kashmiri forces and the defence and administration of the Northern areas of the Kashmir state.—Reuter.

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8.00—News and Weather Forecast.

8.15—Easy Listening.

8.30—Through the Looking Glass.

8.45—Good Morning.

9.00—Monday Music.

9.15—Morning Melody.

9.30—Music for all.

P.M.

12.00—Noontime.

12.15—Interval Time.

12.30—Interval Signal.

12.45—Band Call.

1.00—Menu.

1.15—News.

1.30—Orchestral Concert.

2.00—Afternoon Musicals.

4.15—Today's Choice.

4.30—Vocally Yours.

4.45—Music Makers.

5.15—Children's Corner.

5.30—Harmony Hall.

5.45—Radio Headlines.

6.00—Kingdom of Swing.

6.30—The Jumping Jack.

6.45—Do You Remember? (Pekin Syndicate).

7.00—Candle Light and Silver (London).

7.15—The Super-Cola Programme.

8.00—BBC News.

8.15—The Stars Sing. (Nestlé's).

8.30—The Daily Farm Programme.

9.00—Rediffusion Request Show.

9.15—The Carver Programme.

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STERLING AREA POLICY AND TRADE

There is a tendency in the present conflict between bilateral and multilateral trade policies to oversimplify the issues and present them in terms of absolutes. But multilateralism, like political liberty, is largely a matter of degree. There is undoubtedly more of it in the Western Hemisphere than there is on the Continent of Europe. And the essential problem at the moment is not how to find a short cut to a "pure" multilateral system covering the whole of world trade, but to decide on the methods which will ensure that the rest of the world, outside the dollar area, will during the next few years move in the right direction.

But is the rest of the world, and in particular Britain, which influences in one way or another so much of its trading arrangements, trying to move in the right direction? United States traders, who see one market after another closed against them, or restricted under the influence of sterling policies of dollar conservation, would unequivocally answer "no".

The continued reiteration in a whole series of official statements of the United Kingdom Government's intention to restore multilateral trading methods over the widest possible area as fast as conditions permit, does not impress them in the slightest. Britain, it seems to them, pretends to be on the side of the angels; she makes all the nice verbal assurances, but all the while is hiding her big bilateral pitchfork behind her back. Just lately it has begun to stick out rather more than usual.

But what does the record really show? Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, quoted some figures in Parliament recently on the financial assistance which Britain has given to other countries since 1945. The total came to a little over £200 millions. The bulk of this sum was given or lent in order to allow these countries to purchase goods that they would otherwise not have been able to afford. During the same period, Britain herself received from overseas, mostly from the United States, a total of £1,285 millions, and without this, of course, she would not have been able to make her own contribution to the stimulation of world purchasing power. The gold reserve which supports the sterling trading system would long ago have collapsed.

But the granting of loans or gifts by a country in its own currency is, by itself, no evidence of good multilateral intentions. Where was the money to be spent? In several cases it was required specifically for goods which were only available outside Britain. The £100 million post-war loan to France, for instance, was needed by the French primarily to buy raw materials in Australia and other sterling area countries, not in Britain. It has been part of France's long-term policy since 1945 to reduce her heavy dependence on dollar sources of supply, in order to relieve the strain on an already depleted gold reserve. The £100 million loan

AMERICAN CAPITAL IN JAPAN

By RICHARD HUGHES

American investment in Japanese industry is swiftly developing under the organised blandishments of the Prime Minister, Mr. Yoshida, and his Conservative Government.

Already, important rubber, electrical power, heavy industry, chemical, mining and petroleum interests in the United States are negotiating to provide new capital for leading Japanese industrial concerns. In some cases, they are simultaneously seeking a controlling influence. American interests are also active in the Western Hemisphere in current discussions. Present indications are that they will obtain a commanding and active control of key Japanese industries.

Japanese industrialists make no secret of the fact that even technical loss of proprietary manage-

ment is a reasonable price to pay. The East Asiatic Fuel Company will transfer stock representing 51 per cent of its 37.5 million yen capital to Standard Vacuum, at 10 yen per share (nominal value, 50 yen). In compensation for the loss of controlling rights, the East Asiatic Company considers that it will derive much greater advantages from improved management and assured procurement of crude oil.

Metals And Rubber

Another reviving Japanese industry, the Japan Light Metal Company, expects to transfer half its stock to the Reynolds Metal

Company in return for managerial advice, new technique and machinery, and guaranteed imports of bauxite at about nine dollars a ton instead of the present price of 10 dollars for fluctuating supplies.

As a result of this merger, the Japan Light Metal Company hopes to cut its production costs from 20 cents to less than 17 cents per ounce, and to break into the American market.

In the rubber industry, Dunlop and Goodrich will again be in competition in Japan. The Central Rubber Company (Chuo Gomu) has already returned management to the Dunlop Tyre Company, and has now become the Japan Dunlop Tyre Company.

Meanwhile the International Goodrich Company is negotiating for the resumption of a 30 per cent control of the Yokohama Rubber Company in return for modern methods, modern plant and a sales agreement.

Originally the Yokohama Rubber Company was capitalised on a 50-50 basis by the Furukawa Company and the Western Electric. As a result of the merger, the result of increases of capital on four occasions during the war Goodrich's holding was reduced to only seven per cent. Current negotiations for a bold, new, re-entree and (presumably) democratic alliance provide for an increase in capital from the present 25 million yen to 200 million yen.



"The average Slamese views the whole thing as a quarrel in high places, and not a movement of the masses. The present government came to power in a coupé."

No movement of the masses there.

I see that a lot of Argentine deputies disagreed with the terms of the trade pact with Britain. Apparently they felt that if they'd held out a little longer, they'd have got the Queen Elizabeth, free supplies of Scotch whisky for life, and controlling interest in the Bank of England.

"The light has two halfbrothers, the aged 58 and 57, and several great-grandchildren, all older than he is."

Growing Power of America.
(From a college magazine.)
"Eclipse of the moon, 10.28 p.m. (arranged by the Astronomy Department.)"

We lounge in the corner with glasses between us. The bottle is emptying fast. He tells me the tales of his loves like Venus. The gaudy adventures long past. Take a dash of the Sea Hawk. Beau Geste's big adventure. The Pimpernel in all his glory. As he drinks he tells all this as happening to him. But I think it's a cork and pull story!

"One can generally tell the state of one's bank balance by the demeanour of the clerk behind the counter," says a writer. Even more significant are traces of red ink on his fingers.

"Flight 24 Eastbound arrives at 1130 Westbound." Anything for a laugh, eh?

According to an irritated American correspondent, "The Truman policy got us involved in China's civil war up to our knees, and some Republican congressmen are demanding an investigation. They want to know why we are not in it up to our necks."

An American husband sued his 15-year-old wife for divorce on the grounds that she acted like a child. Another, wed only four weeks, asked for a divorce on the grounds that his eyeglasses were out of focus when he married.

One of my friends, a young lawyer, had been watching the construction of a building across the street. Suddenly he turned to me. "See that fellow over there? I've been watching that loafer for the last two hours and he hasn't done a stroke of work."

Sign in a tailor shop: "Clothes Pressed While you Hide."

Frederick Koch, of Vienna, on being charged with marrying three "wives," asked for clemency on the grounds that he had a very poor memory.

Men, Women And Memories

By ATTICUS

Had he so chosen, Sir Valentine Holmes, who has just retired from practice, obviously have had judicial office 10 years ago.

All the judges liked to have him appearing before them because of his wide knowledge of the law, the thoroughness with which he prepared his cases, and the absolute integrity with which he presented them. Coupled with his legal knowledge was a deep humanity, which he never lost sight of when advising about litigation.

In view of his immense prestige later, it is strange to reflect on the bitter struggle which Valentine Holmes had for the first 15 years he was at the Bar. On the face of it, he was handicapped from the outset, for he was the exact opposite of the popular idea of the fashionable KC. Through-out his whole career he had to fight against his nervousness. It hampered him enormously in his early days, and he admitted to me that he never fully overcame it.

Frequently Valentine Holmes worked 18 hours a day, and many times I have found him in his Chambers in the Temple on August Bank Holidays and at weekends when probably every other member of the Bar was away. But prodigious worker though he was, he was always accessible to those wishing to consult him.

For the past quarter of a century, his brother, Hugh Holmes, has been a leading figure in the British community in Alexandria, where he was Procurator-General of the Mixed Court of Appeal. It was a happy coincidence that the two brothers received the accolade of knighthood at the same investiture in 1946.

Defence Chief

In London for Defence talks Sir Frederick Sheddin, whose travels on duty this year have taken him from Australia to Washington and Ottawa.

A Civil Servant since the first world war, Sir Frederick holds a position in his own country to which we have no parallel. He is permanent head of the Australian Defence Department, and thus bears much of the responsibility for the execution of Australia's Five Year Defence Plan, on which £285 millions is to be spent. He was I believe, the first Civil Servant from the Commonwealth to graduate at the Imperial Defence College. When he

from Britain has undoubtedly helped in this; and so have the £50 millions of sterling drawing rights granted to France under the intra-European payments scheme.

If the general problem of liberalising trade is considered not in terms of ideal solutions, but as a question of the degree of multilateralism that is practically possible at any particular moment, then the sterling area as an institution is amply justified on its record. Its policies throughout have been designed to increase the volume of goods exchanged in the world, and it is undeniable that they have so far had a considerable amount of success.

The chief defect of the system does not lie in the principles which it has adopted, but rather in the inadequate financial reserves at the centre. As a result of this, any sudden shock—a sharp fall in the United States commodity prices or a rumour of coming devaluation—puts its very existence in jeopardy. That necessarily induces an attitude of extreme caution in the management of trade policies, an unwillingness to take risks—at a time when no rapid further expansion of world trade is possible without someone taking risks on a large scale.

But for Britain the first priority at the moment must be to secure the continuance of the existing multilateral area that she has helped to create. Britain's immediate task is to rebuild her now depleted sterling gold reserve by any and every means.

It is extraordinary to think that he became a Fellow in the year of the Russo-Turkish war, while Dizzy was still Prime Minister—the year before the Congress of Berlin. He was a Fellow of Brasenose at the same time as Walter Pater, but they could hardly have been congenial spirits. I wonder if his memories of Pater's conversation were as unfavourable as those of Sir Charles Oman, who found it an interminably tedious monologue on aesthetics.

Active Ex-President

More attention has been paid to the content of ex-President Hoover's speech at Stanford University than to his statement that it was the last public speech he would ever make.

His friends and associates cannot believe that this means Mr. Hoover's retirement from public life, even though the Stanford meeting was to celebrate his 75th birthday. There have been few ex-Presidents so active. Mr. Hoover covered 73,000 miles in his post-war survey of the world's food problem and worked his younger associates to a standstill—some, indeed, in collapse—before taking up the chairmanship of a Congress commission on the executive branch of Government.

He spent the whole of last year on this task, during which a colleague told of him "that work gives other men ulcers; it just invigorates Herbert Hoover." The commission's recommendations, if approved by Congress, will take a good deal of routine work off the President's shoulders.

Born Too Late

Dr. John Scott Lidgett, who was 95 recently, and retires next month from the Wardenship of the Bermondsey Settlement which he helped to found nearly 60 years ago, affirms jokingly in conversation that he will outlive his century. The story is told of how a young artist, painting his portrait recently, said that he hoped to paint another on Dr. Lidgett's 100th birthday, to which the sitter answered, "I don't see why not; you seem young and strong for your age."

But there was a time when a young John Scott Lidgett thought otherwise. He once recalled that a former-master of his in the 1860s was convinced that Napoleon II was the Anti-Christ, that the French eagles planted in Jerusalem would fulfil the prophecy of the "labouring of desolation standing in the Holy Place," and that the end of the world was scheduled for 1900. "I committed with myself," Dr. Lidgett once recalled, "that I had been born too late to complete my allotted span."

The Greeks Want Action

By KEITH BUTLER

"Greece will demand drastic action by the member States of the United Nations if Albania and Bulgaria have not stopped aiding and sheltering the Greek guerrillas by the time the General Assembly meets at Lake Success in September."

Thus spoke Mr. Panyiotis Pipinellis, Greece's Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and one of the country's cleverest statesmen, when I interviewed him.

If Albania continues to ignore all past resolutions of the General Assembly, Balkan peace will be endangered. Greece may press for an international blockade of the Albanian coast or the sending of an international force to control the frontier.

One thing is certain at the moment. Contrary to some rumours and despite the pressure of less responsible political personalities, the Greek Government has absolutely no idea of taking any kind of action of her own accord against Albania and Bulgaria.

(There is no question of the Greek Army being allowed to pursue the guerrillas on to Albanian territory and destroying their bases there—in spite of the repeated provocations to the Army which is constantly fired on from guerrilla positions over the borders where the guerrillas have taken refuge when squeezed inside the Greek Army pincers.) But dapper, pink-faced, bright-eyed "little" Mr. Pipinellis is wrong. "We are praying," he says, "that the General Assembly will this time give an effective solution to stop the foreign aid to the

guerrillas from across the Northern frontiers which alone enables them to continue this war."

"If the Greek Army and people are faced once more with an unrealistic, face-saving solution by the United Nations and the Greek Army is faced with a repetition of the campaign next year—I hate to think of what might happen inside and outside the Greek frontiers."

"That is the time when the Greek people's disappointment and anger might be exploited by irresponsible and ambitious men. Then dangerous military solutions might be undertaken by unwise leaders favoured by the popular disillusionment in UN. And inside Greece the political situation would be equally open to exploitation. We hope the Western Powers realise this danger."

As for Yugoslavia, Mr. Pipinellis is reserved. "We certainly have no intention of making any overtures to the Yugoslav Government for any rapprochement," he says. "If, however, the Yugoslavs make any moves towards better relations with Greece, we shall receive them sympathetically."

The altogether friendlier attitude of the new Yugoslav Army guards on the frontier is giving more hope to the Greeks. The Yugoslavs even saluted the Greek flag recently. Prisoners reveal the significant fact that some 80 Macedonian guerrillas belonging to the Communist-Bulgarian-led NOF, Macedonian "Autumn" Movement recently deserted and returned to Yugoslavia to join Tito's ROF. But Mr. Pipinellis does not believe that Russia has really abandoned her long-range plan to establish herself on the Mediterranean through Greece.



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TRIPARTITE CONFERENCE ON DOLLAR CRISIS COMMENCES

Experts Pave The Way For September Talks SHORT-TIME SOLUTION

Washington, August 27.

The dollar crisis talks between the United States, Britain and Canada opened here today with a meeting of experts for technical and fact-finding discussions.

They are preparing the way for the meeting on September 7 of the three Powers' Finance and Foreign Ministers—Sir Stafford Cripps and Mr. Ernest Bevin for Britain, Mr. John Snyder and Mr. Dean Acheson for the United States, and Mr. Lester Pearson and Mr. Douglas Abbott for Canada.

On September 13 representatives of the member countries of the International Monetary Fund are also expected to discuss questions related to the dollar and sterling position. The basic question before all three conferences is the same.

It is to plan short-term and long-term measures whereby Britain and other Sterling Area countries can obtain more dollars to buy American goods, either through selling more goods to America or through being given or lent the dollars by one means or another by the United States. Officials engaged in the talks do not expect any long-term solution of Britain's dollar shortage to come immediately out of the September talks.

It is frankly acknowledged here that the time available is too short to negotiate any such solution.

They expect the dollar drain during the third quarter of 1949 to be about the same as in the second quarter.

What the British expect to get out of the conference is a comparatively short-term point of view is:

High Tariffs
(1) Support by the United States for an increase in Britain's share of the Marshall Plan funds.

(2) United States permission for Britain to spend her Marshall Aid as economically as possible—wherever they will buy the most goods and the most essential goods in the United States or elsewhere.

(3) A more liberal interpretation by the United States authorities of existing tariffs against British goods.

(4) Increased purchases by the United States for the stockpiling of commodities produced in the Sterling areas, such as rubber and tin.

(5) Relaxation of United States restrictions on the use of natural rubber from such Sterling Area countries as Malaya.

British Plan
When the conference started the British delegation, a lengthy report on reasons leading up to Britain's dollar shortage.

2. Submitted a complete set of statistics on this problem;

3. Suggested that about six committees of two representatives of each nation be formed as soon as possible in an effort to make rapid progress on the experts' wide-ranging agenda.

The British delegation realises the viewpoint of the Congress and hopes that steps can be taken to help relieve the dollar shortage which do not necessitate recourse to Congressional approval.

The United States Administration can find some way of re-interpreting article Nine of the British loan agreement which would result in its suspension as regards Western Europe but which would not need Congressional action as official suspension would.

Open Licences
It might be possible for the United States to bring about temporary suspension on the grounds that article Nine does not apply to war damaged areas.

However, the problem in this connection would be how to include such war-time neutrals as Sweden, under that definition. If a temporary suspension of the article could be brought about, Britain would be willing to use an open licence system for the whole of Western Europe on a reciprocal basis which means a suspension of quotas in their trade relations.

That would be the first step towards a return to the multi-lateral system and could be extended later to other areas such as the British Commonwealth.

Article Nine at present would prevent full intra-Western European trade under the open licence system because prices being equal, Britain under this article is, for instance, obligated to buy timber in the United States as well as in Scandinavia. The delegation feels that such could be done in a wider interpretation of United States tariff regulations which are believed to be more strictly interpreted by customs officials than those of almost any other nation.

The United States could probably take administrative action on this without referring the matter to the Congress. The British would naturally like to see reductions on certain United States tariffs but little hope is held out that such can be accomplished in this direction.

British Hopes
The British hope that at least \$300,000,000 could be made available by the United States for purchasing stockpiling materials in the Sterling area such as rubber and tin in Malaya. As regards more Marshall plan dollars, the British contention is that the dollar needs under the plan more moderately than practically any other nation and that an increased amount of ECA dollars than the reduced total suggested by the OEEC is vital for Britain's dollar gap situation.

The subject of devaluation could possibly be discussed as part of the agenda item calling for talks on the idea of expansion of the Sterling area.

This agenda heading includes such sub-headings as the discussion of exchange rate, the policy of Britain in regard to the expansion of exports to the dollar area and also what is the effect of the present exchange rates on exports between the dollar area and areas outside of it.

A State Department spokesman said the opening meeting discussed procedural matters and the object of the meetings is to reach an agreement on what the nature of the problem is. He said all delegates appeared fully aware of the importance of the matters to be discussed.

A usually reliable source said the State Department has assured the British Foreign Office that the idea of the possibility of discussing some form of an economic union between

the United States and Britain is not merely newspaper talk. It does represent the thinking of some influential officials in the Department.

As a result it is not inconceivable that Mr. Bevin and Sir Stafford Cripps might take up this subject on their arrival here to see if there could be any start on a practical basis to such ideas. —Reuter and United Press.

Opposition To Czech Communists

London, August 27.

Dr. Jozef Smutny, former Czechoslovak Chancellor under the late President Edvard Benes, who has just been granted permission to settle in Britain, declared here today that 90 per cent of the Czechoslovak people are opposed to Communism.

He described those favouring Communism—the Party "high-ups," fellow-travellers and genuine Communists—as a shocking minority.

"If free elections could be held they would not get more than 10 per cent of the total vote," he asserted.

Dr. Smutny said: "All along the Czechoslovak-German border, huge No-Man's Land is being created. Forests are cut, watch-towers with search-lights are erected, whole villages close on the border are dismantled and replaced by mine-fields and barbed-wire fences. The possibility of escaping from Czechoslovakia is diminishing day by day." —Reuter.

TROOP MOVES IN RUMANIA

Paris, August 27.

The Paris newspaper, "Le Figaro," a despatch from its Vienna correspondent today, reported large scale Rumanian and Soviet movements in Rumania, mostly toward the Yugoslav frontier.

The newspaper said that Army troops have been cancelled. It added: "The Russian troops pass through Jassy and Galatz night and day. Big troop concentrations are taking place along the Yugoslav frontier." —United Press.

Secret Report On Europe's Currency

Washington, August 27. Experts of the International Monetary Fund have virtually completed a top secret report which, with certain reservations, advocates a re-alignment of some Western European currencies, including Sterling. The report is purely advisory.

The report is conceived in very guarded terms but its implication clearly appears to be that if the Fund is officially consulted by interested member nations, it will recommend a re-alignment of certain Western European currencies, including Sterling.

The document also contains the Fund's views of the effect of the re-alignment of such currencies on import and export prices and that with these factors taken into consideration, it would appear that more is to be gained from the re-alignment of certain currencies than from their present values.

The report is so secret that few diplomats have had access to it. The report is to carry a number but no title in the interests of secrecy.—United Press.

TITO ACCUSES RUMANIANS OF BAD FAITH

Belgrade, August 27. Yugoslavia today accused Albania and other Russian-dominated Cominform neighbours with having designs on parts of her territory. The newspaper "Borba," voice of Marshal Tito's Government, reported that Rumania particularly is eager to annex the fertile farming district of Banat.

Banat, a rich wheat and corn growing belt in the "bread basket" of Vojvodina, was saved from Rumanian acquisition during the last war on the advice of Yugoslavia's Queen Marie to her nephew Michael, then King of Rumania.

"Borba" linked its charge with the report that Rumanian Communist leaders are spreading false claims that Yugoslavia plans to allow British and Americans the use of its territory for attacks upon Cominform countries.

The article reviewed in detail bad relations with Rumania—alleged maltreatment of Yugoslav citizens, violation of trade treaties, refusal to fulfill terms of the treaty of friendship. It went on to say that the campaign was designed to portray Yugoslavia as an enemy from which Rumanians have to expect danger.

"Borba" said that the Rumanian Communist party is planning to launch an all-out campaign for the acquisition of Banat but were dissuaded only by protests of the Rumanian people that they want friendship with Yugoslavia.

The report said that Rumanian Communists and those in Hungary, Bulgaria and Albania are inspired with hope that with the aid of the Cominform they can seize parts of Yugoslavia.

Albania Curfew
"Borba" said that a dusk to dawn curfew had been ordered in the Albanian villages near the Yugoslav frontier.

"The streets are patrolled and no one dares to leave his house," the newspaper added.

"Some houses have been declared suspect and many Yugoslav minority members have been arrested."

The Yugoslav Government press office today said that a fire which broke out at the heavy oil refinery in Flume on Wednesday was quickly extinguished.

The refinery is working at full capacity today, it was added. (Reports from Trieste yesterday said that four simultaneous explosions, rocked the Romsa oil refinery in Flume.

Fire broke out while the local firemen were dealing with a call outside the town. The circumstances were said to indicate sabotage.) —Associated Press and Reuter.

Red Warship's Danube Jaunt

Belgrade, August 27.

A Russian warship steamed down a 200-mile stretch of the Danube River through Yugoslavia in August from Rumania to Hungary and returned yesterday, defying Yugoslav orders to halt on both occasions.

This was learned early today from irrefutable sources and confirmed in full by officials of the Yugoslav Ministry of Transport.—United Press.

TIME TO EARN MORE DOLLARS

New York, August 27.

The Marshall Plan Administrator, Mr. Paul Hoffman, declared here today that it is high time European countries start earning every dollar possible.

Mr. Hoffman, who has returned home after a fact-finding tour of seven key Marshall Plan countries said: "Progress has been made but the Economic Co-Operation Administration is not yet satisfied."

"The dangerous inflationary situation in many of the countries a year ago has been checked," he added.

"Production throughout the free nations of Europe has already been raised to 115 per cent compared with pre-war levels."

"Democratic government is steadily strengthening itself," Reuter.

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SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS

Cripps Mission To U.S.

London, August 27.

The Cabinet will meet on Monday to give Sir Stafford Cripps his final mandate for the economic "Big Three" dollar crisis talks which open in Washington on September 7.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer will have wide scope to handle all the questions discussed by the "Big Three": Sir Stafford Cripps (Britain), Mr. John W. Snyder (United States) and Mr. Douglas Abbott (Canada).

Accompanied by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, Sir Stafford will go to Washington with solid Cabinet backing not only for the line he will take at the talks but also at the following meeting of the International Monetary Fund.

Britain's approach to the "Big Three" talks will reflect no "cap in hand" attitude. Sir Stafford will advance concrete proposals aimed at narrowing the dollar gap.

An important part of Sir Stafford's task at Washington will be to indicate specific ways in which Britain thinks America can help in solving the dollar-sterling imbalance.

Britain will urge a lowering of American tariff barriers. She will propose international commodity agreement to provide Sterling Area dollar-earning products—such as rubber, and cotton—with a steady market at stable prices in the hard currency areas.

She will also recommend an extension of American large-scale investment in Sterling Area countries.

This, it is held, would provide a long term return for the United States by enabling these countries to buy more from their living standards improve.

Britain is not expected to ask for loans.—Reuter.

DOUGLAS LEAVES FOR U.S.

Southampton, August 27.

The U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Lewis Douglas, left Britain in the Queen Elizabeth today to take part in Anglo-U.S. dollar talks in Washington, starting on September 7. He was accompanied by Mr. Henry E. Stobbing, First Secretary of the Embassy.

Mrs. Douglas will fly to Frankfurt on Monday to visit her sister, Mrs. John J. McCloy, wife of the U.S. High Commissioner to Germany. Miss Sherman Douglas will join her mother there next week-end.—Associated Press.

Cairo, August 27.

Israel has been invited to send representatives to the regional committee meeting of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation in Cairo on October 18.—Reuter.

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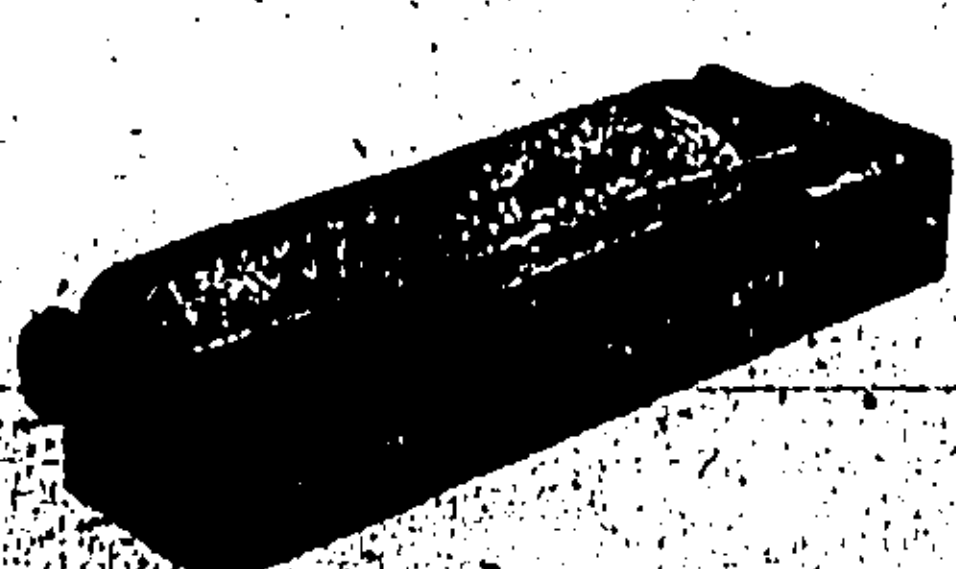
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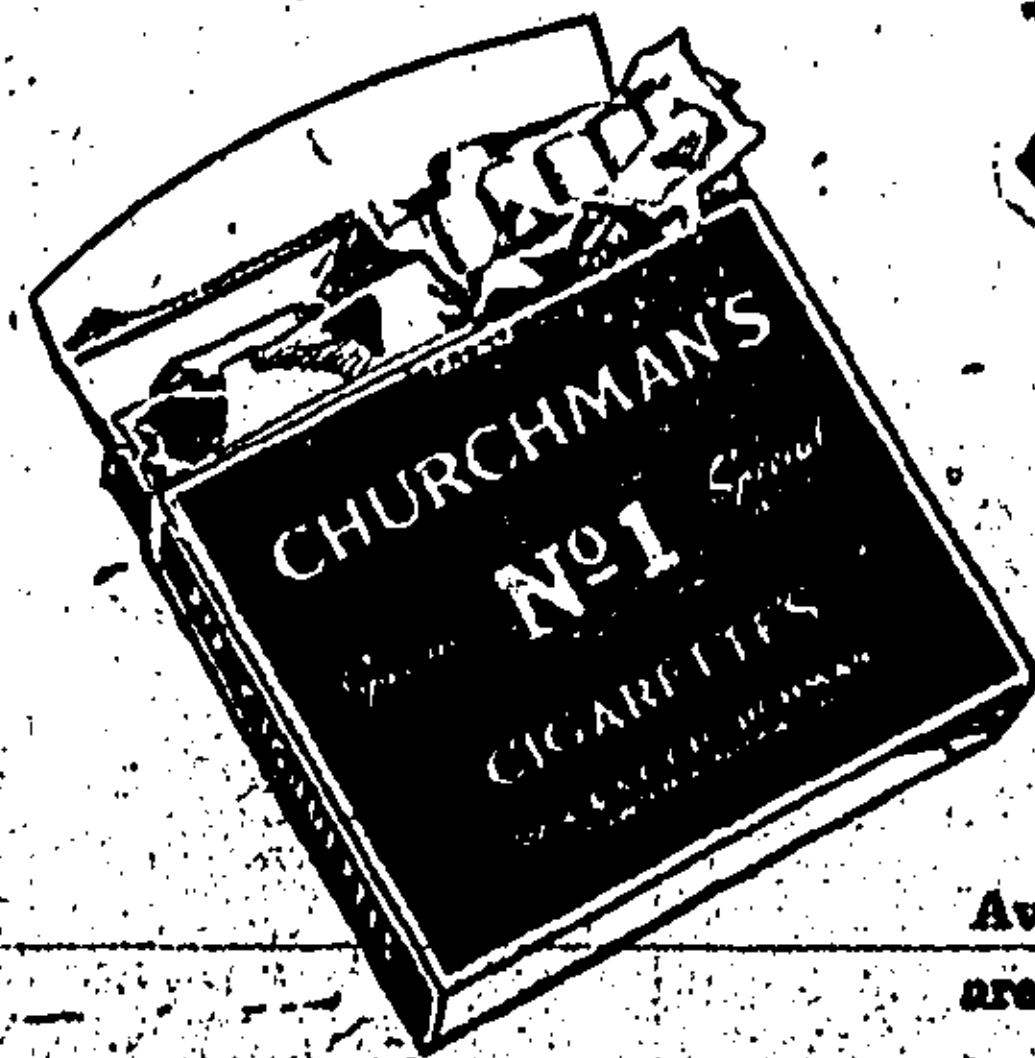
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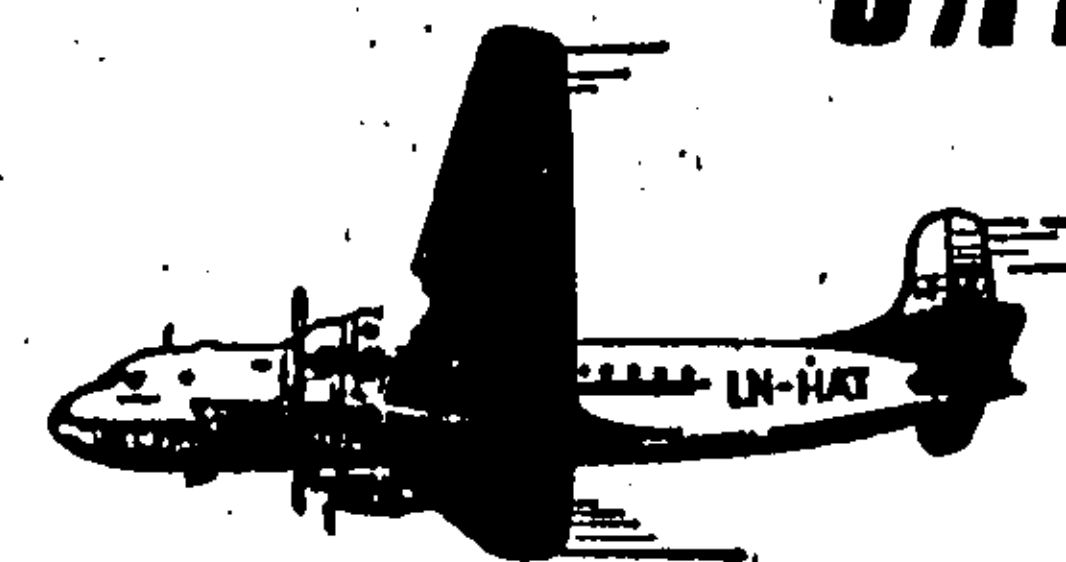
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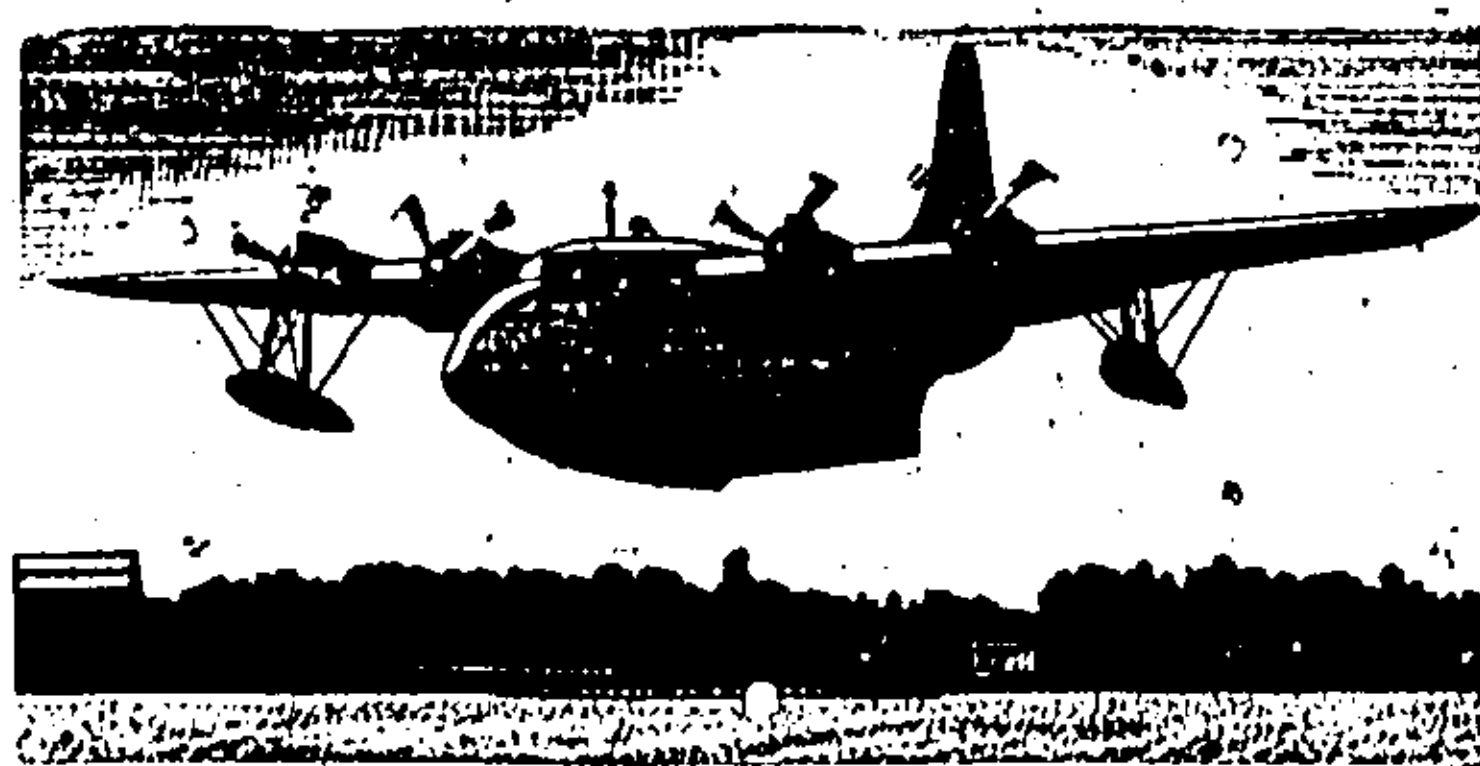
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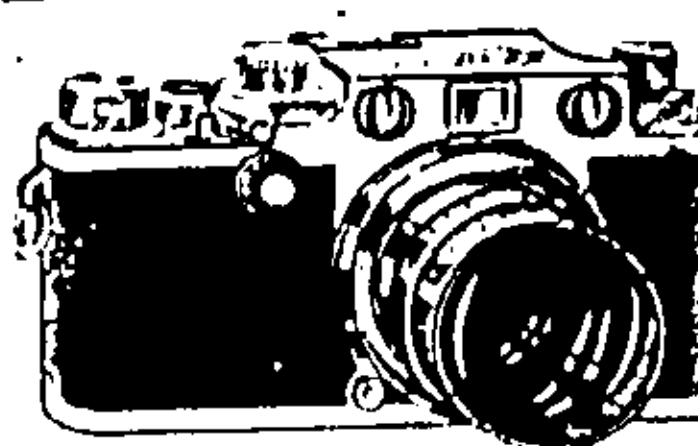
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STAMP NEWS

By "TETE-BECHE"

How many of my readers are aware of the existence of Britain's most valuable stamp collection, the Tapping Collection, and its history?

This famous collection was started by Thomas Keay Tapping at the age of ten when he was at school. Whilst at Harrow he was presented with £100 (lucky fellow) on condition that he spent the sum on stamps for his collection. After his death in 1891, the collection was complete for all issues up to the year 1890, and consisted of over 100,000 stamps of all countries.

It was later acquired by the British Museum and, after careful preparation, was placed on exhibition to the public. During the last war it was removed to a place of safety. In 1948 the collection was again prepared for exhibition by a member of the Royal Philatelic Society, and now consists of 1189 frames, thirty-three of which are devoted to covers and forty-nine to post-cards.

The high lights of the collection are—

1. BRITISH GUIANA: Two cents rose stamp of 1851, type-set and printed at the office of the "Royal Gazette", Georgetown, British Guiana. The catalogue value is £2,000.

2. HAWAIIAN ISLANDS: Two types of the 1851 two cents blue stamp worth about £10,000.

3. MAURITIUS, 1847: The famous penny and two-penny Post Office issues valued at £10,000.

There is also a priceless document of the local watchmaker's account for engraving and printing the first Mauritian stamp. These rarities are kept under lock and key, and application has to be made to view them. No genuine application from a stamp-lover is ever refused.

It is reported from London that copies of the rarer "Silver Wedding" values are appearing with forged post marks and the public have been warned accordingly. And while on the subject

of forgeries, can any of my readers enlighten me as to what is a "Sperati" forgery, as I notice is one of the home-made Philatelic publications that Swiss stamps have been discovered bearing a "Sperati" forgery.

Now for some notes on New Issues. On 15th August, Jamaica issued new three-penny and pound values, but so far there are no details as to design or colour. Orders for the new Mauritius "Pictorial" set have been placed. It consists of 14 values from one cent to ten rupees with various designs relating to historical and interesting facts connected with the Colony. The date of issue has not been released.

New Australian Stamp

I am informed by the Secretary of the Hongkong Philatelic Society that he has received advice from the Australian Government that the Commonwealth will issue a new 1/6d stamp to replace the existing one. The design is somewhat different, inasmuch that there will be one hemisphere instead of two as at present, with the figure of Mercury prominently displayed. The colour will be sepia, and printed on this watermarked paper. The perforation is 14½. It will be on sale concurrently with the present issue until stocks of the later are exhausted.

At an auction recently held in the South of England, two items of local interest were bid for:

a. Hong Kong, 30 cents olive-green stamp of 1938, mint, fetched £2. 2. 6.

b. Hong Kong, \$2 orange and green stamp of 1938, mint, fetched £2. 17. 6.

The former stamp has jumped considerably in value in the past twelve years and I would not be surprised to see it outstrip the \$2 value before long. It certainly seems difficult to obtain locally.

PRAGUE VERSION OF WAR REVOLT IN SLOVAKIA

Prague, August 27.

Czechoslovak historians have blamed the Western Powers, the Vatican and the wartime emigre Czech Government in London for Czech losses in the 1944 Slovak rising against the Nazis, in the first full account of the revolt published here.

The story of the rising is told in Czechoslovak newspapers this week-end on the occasion of its anniversary, for which President Klement Gottwald is making his second visit as President to the Province of Slovakia.

The account supports the position taken by the Communists who organised the rising, and attack the Slovak Roman Catholic hierarchy in Slovakia for backing the Germans.

The rising was organised by the Czechoslovak General Staff in Kiew under the immediate command of the present General Secretary of the Czechoslovak Communist Party, Rudolf Slansky, and under the supervision of the present President of the Republic, Klement Gottwald, who was leader of the wartime Moscow group of Czechoslovak emigre leaders.

Among conflicting accounts, it has been generally accepted that the rising was organised without the approval of the exile Government in London.

The present accounts blame the Benes Government in London for failing to support the rising. They charge the Western Allies with failing to supply material aid and allege that the Catholic Church hierarchy was more sympathetic to the Nazis and the puppet Government of the priest, Father Tiso, in Slovakia than to the partisans.

Church Accused
They say the rising was a success in that it opened the way for Soviet forces to penetrate the Tatra mountains later. They say it was a failure

so far as immediate results were concerned and that this failure must be blamed on the Western Allies and the Benes Government.

Czechoslovak newspapers link the charges against the Roman Catholic actions in the rising with the current Church-State battle.

Official stories say that "then as now, the Vatican was allied with foreign reaction" and that in 1944 "reaction" attempted to leave the revolutionaries to exhaust themselves in the hope that a weak Soviet Union would be unable to make its views felt during post-war negotiations.

They add that Father Tiso, the priest who led the Nazi puppet Government in Slovakia and was executed after the war for war crimes, said a thanksgiving mass after the German recapture of Banska Bystrica.

Recalling that in some areas this year Slovak peasants turned out with scythes and pitchforks to defend priests they believed were threatened by the Communists, the newspapers say that the Papal decree excommunicating people for Communist activities is on the same plane as the wartime attitude of the Catholic hierarchy.

One writer said: "The Church is being misused for aims in conflict with humanity"—Reuter.

EUROPEAN BILL OF RIGHTS

Strasbourg, August 27.
A group within the European Consultative Assembly today agreed on a basic Bill of Rights to protect fundamental freedoms in the 12 members of the European Council.

Sir David Maxwell, Vice-Chairman of the Assembly's Juridical Committee, said the Committee decided to draft a convention embracing at least 11 principal human rights.

These rights are:

1. Security of person.
2. Immunity from arbitrary arrest, detention or exile.
3. Exemption from slavery, servitude or forced labour of a discriminatory nature.
4. Freedom of speech and expression of opinion.
5. Freedom of religious belief, practice and teaching.
6. Freedom of association.
7. Protection of natural rights pertaining to marriage, paternity and family.
8. Inviolability of domicile.
9. Equality before the law.
10. Protection from discrimination based on religion, race, nationality, origin, sex, political or other opinion.
11. Protection from arbitrary confiscation of property.

These points were turned over to Mr. Pierre Henri Teitgen of France, former Justice Minister, to be defined more precisely and possibly expanded in time for the

DEBATE ON COLONIES BY UNITED NATIONS

Lake Success, August 27.

The exact definition of non-self-governing territories was debated when a special committee of the General Assembly began examining the information supplied to the United Nations on over 60 such territories.

The committee will submit a report to the General Assembly in its fourth session next month.

The question of a definition arose from an agenda item dealing with the ending of transmission of information on certain territories no longer considered by the administering powers concerned to be "non-self-governing" within the meaning of the charter.

Mr. Ahmed Fargag of Egypt, declared that to cease sending information could only be in order when the territory had attained a full measure of self-government, but not when it was annexed by the responsible administering country.

He urged a definition of the term "non-self-governing territory" to facilitate the committee's work and proposed that the

Committee's next session on Monday.

Each member state would be the rules by which these rights are to be guaranteed within its territory.

The Committee also voted 20-3 to transform itself into a permanent committee and hold meetings and hearings throughout the year.—Associated Press.

special committee, referring to it in its report to the General Assembly, leaving it open for any member of the trusteeship committee to raise the question there. This suggestion was accepted.

The committee then considered other questions on the date of the receipt of information and enumeration of the territories concerned.

Russia Critical

Mr. A. Soldatov, Soviet Union, criticised the inclusion of information supplied by the Netherlands on Indonesia. He argued, and was supported by Mr. Shiva Rao, that the Republic of Indonesia had become independent through the will of the Indonesian people.

Mr. A. Spits, the Netherlands, said that Holland enjoys sovereignty over the whole of Indonesia and that discussions are at present in progress in the Hague on the transfer of sovereignty to the Republic of Indonesia.

Opening its task of studying information, the special committee began a debate on agricultural problems.

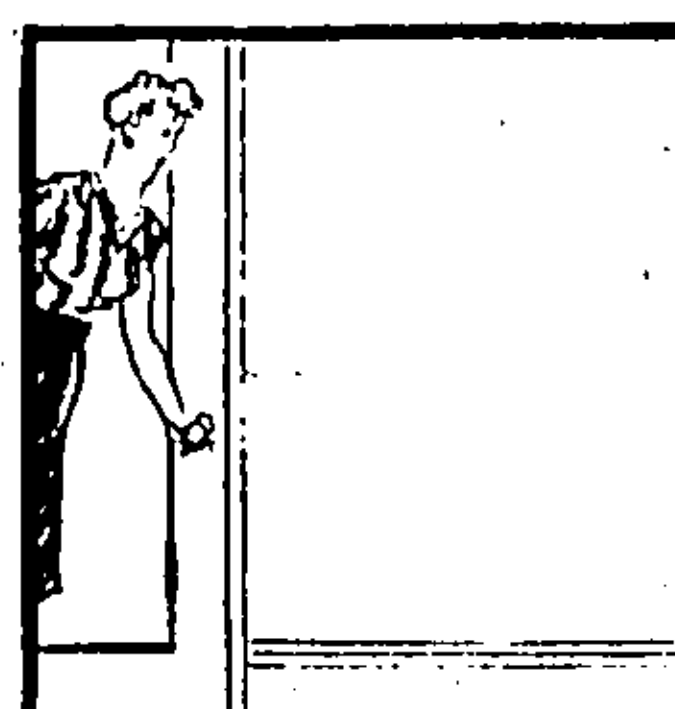
Mr. Ryckmans said that such problems are common to all undeveloped countries and non-self-governing countries should not be considered in isolation.

After discussion, re-examination of the subject was deferred to a later meeting. The committee decided to postpone to next year the question of reviving the "standard form" in which information on the territories is transmitted to the United Nations.—Reuter.

Mr. Roger Garreau, France, supported the viewpoint of Mr. Fletcher Cooke and Australia's Mr. J. D. Hood, that the question raised by Egypt fell outside the competence of the trusteeship committee and the General Assembly.

Mr. Carlos Edwards Stolk of Venezuela supported this point. After some further debate, India's Mr. B. Shiva Rao proposed that the matter be resolved by the

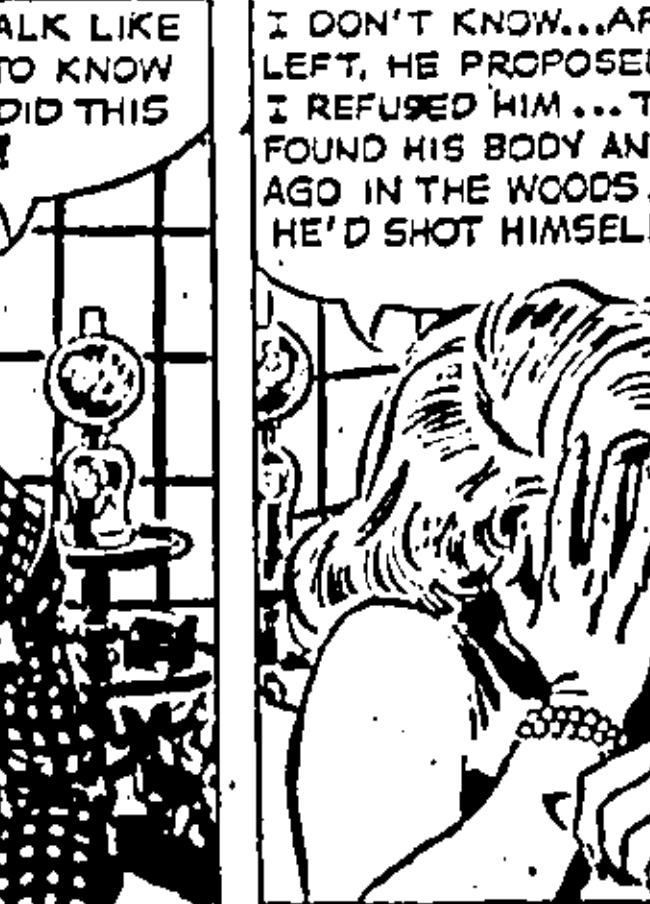
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"SHENGKING"	Swatow	6 p.m. 30th Aug.
"TAIHOI"	Yokohama & Kobe	4 p.m. 1st Sept.
"SOOCHOW"	Incheon, Pusan & Moji	5 p.m. 1st Sept.
"NEWCHOW"	Singapore & Batavia	5 p.m. 2nd Sept.
"KWEIYANG"	Singapore, Macassar, Samarang & Batavia	3 p.m. 4th Sept.
"FOOCHOW"	Singapore, Macassar, Samarang & Batavia	8th Sept.

ARRIVALS FROM		
"SOOCHOW"	Pusan, Incheon & Amoy	29th/30th Aug.
"SHENGKING"	Swatow	7 a.m. 1st Sept.
"KWEIYANG"	Amoy & Swatow	1st/2nd Sept.
"TAIHOI"	Singapore & Batavia	2nd/3rd Sept.
"FOOCHOW"	Kobe & Keelung	4th/5th Sept.

RIVER SERVICE		
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ARRIVALS FROM		
"CALCHAS"	U.K. via Straits	30th Aug.
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"TYDEUS"	U.K. via Straits	10th Sept.
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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

NY STOCK EXCHANGE RECEIVES SETBACK

New York, August 27.
The stock market declined during the past week for the first time in 10 years.
Some claimed the setback marked the end of a summer rally. Others viewed it as a temporary interruption.

In any case, an advance that started in mid-June, after the market had plunged to a four and one-half year low, was stopped dead in its tracks. Business fell off, prices barely stirred on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
At the week-end, at least two factors were at work which tended to back buying interest.

Top billing was given to the recommendation which President Truman's steel-finding board is expected to make. It is widely expected that the Board will propose some sort of wage boost. What steel makers would do about the recommendation was another question, inasmuch as major companies have been careful to point out that they are not bound nor are the steel workers by any decision.

A union-industry agreement on a wage increase conceivably could have a depressing effect on the market. A lot of traders adopted a wait and see attitude pending a settlement of the steel argument.

British Crisis

A second stumbling block to more active trading was the desire to go slow until decisions, if any, are reached at the forthcoming international conference on Britain's economic condition.

A good part of Wall Street is working in the dark in an attempt to evaluate the effects of some of the cures or nostrums recommended as aids for Britain.

About all the business community could back on appeared to be a reduction in American exports to Britain. Even this speculation could be changed at the conference table.—Associated Press.

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Damaged packages are to be left in the godowns for examination by Consignees and Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on September 3.

To comply with General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Steamer's godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after September 4, 1949, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before September 12, 1949, or they will not be recognised.

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NEW Customs Bureau For Manchuria

San Francisco, August 27.
Quoting a Mukden message, the Communist Peiping Radio said tonight that a Customs Bureau has been set up under the Commerce Department of the North East Administrative Council.

The broadcast said that the Bureau will unify and strengthen the Customs work of the "liberated" area.

Eight Customs offices will be established at Yingkou, Anqing and other places. The Bureau is reported to be working out the provisions for import and export taxes and Customs duties.—Reuter.

RESIGNATION OF MINISTER

Santiago, August 27.
The Finance Minister, Jorge Alessandri, today handed his resignation to President Gabriel Gonzalez Videla.

The Minister of the Interior, Admiral Immanuel Helger, the Minister of Education, Armando Mallet Simoni, and the Minister of Economy and Commerce, Alberto Baltra Cortes, will resign on Monday, according to political circles here.—Reuter.

MAERSK LINE

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The M/V "ANNA MAERSK" having arrived from New York and Ports of call, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk and expenses into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company's godown at Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Optional cargo will not be landed here, unless notice has been given 48 hours prior to vessel's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call, to which the option extends.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd September, 1949 will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 5th September, 1949 at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All claims must reach us before the 29th September, 1949, or they will not be recognised.

No Insurance will be effected.

JEBSEN & CO.,
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Hong Kong, August 29, 1949.

Notice To Consignees

m.v. "MONGABARRA"
Having arrived Hong Kong consignees of cargo are hereby notified that all goods have been landed and placed at their risk and expense into the godowns of the North Point Wharves Ltd., where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns or failure to attend the survey.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godown where they will be examined in the presence of Messrs. Goddard & Douglas on August 29, 1949, at 10 a.m.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when examining damaged dutiable goods. All claims against the vessel must be presented to the Undersigned within fourteen days of the ship's arrival, or they will not be recognised.

No fire insurance will be effected.

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To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulation, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when dutiable goods are examined.

All damaged cargo claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before September 19, 1949 or they will not be recognised.

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SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TJITALENGKA" 31st Aug.	
"TJIBADAK" 2nd Sept.	15th Sept.
"TASMAN" 7th Sept.	15th Sept.
"TJIPONDOK" 17th Sept.	
"STRAAT MALAKKA" 7th Oct.	
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"STRAAT SOENDA" 30th Nov.	18th Oct.

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SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
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"TASMAN" 30th Aug.	
"VAN HEUTS" 21st Sept.	12th Sept.

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SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
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In My Log

Sightseeing On the Praya:

The talk on the Praya today is the magic clock of the American President Lines—displayed elaborately in the show window facing the Star Ferry.

How it works is a mystery. (Nobody would tell.)

As it is, however, the magic clock has two ordinary hands revolving on an invisible pivot. The mechanism lies hidden in the base supporting the dial, which bears the usual hour markings.

Our theory—the hands glued to two revolving glass discs, propelled by the mechanism, move over the fixed dial disc. (There are 10 magic clocks in the Colony circulated by "Liberty.")

Arsonal for Gamehunters.

It is called Jackie Sporting Arms Company and is one of Hong Kong's two private firms supplying armaments and ammunition for gamehunters.

Shot guns, ammo and hunting knives are displayed prominently and never fail to attract attention—more often than not causing frequent traffic jams along the pavements, when pedestrians stop to have a peep.

The shooting season—October-January—by the way, is not very far ahead.

Local favourites are partridge, quail, pigeon, woodcock and snipe. They thrive in Kam Tin, Mai To and Shum Chun (New Territories).

Colour for your album!

Just like a blooming rose in a bush of thistles the Skillman Colour Laboratory stands out from among the motley group of shops and stores along the Praya.

Established two months ago, this colour lab is the favourite haunt of amateur photographers. Only two types are processed—Ektachrome and Ansco colour.

The lab is one of the Colony's five colour labs—an innovation in post-war Hong Kong.

Ardent Marxist!

The "Red Star" is another recent Praya attraction, and is gaining rapid prominence among waterfront circles.

In Chinese and English, "Red" literature seems to have found popularity among the younger generations.

From morn to dusk ardent seekers of "Marxian" knowledge crowd the Hwa Shiang Pao Store—one of several Communist organizations operating in the Colony—studying the latest situation and purchasing books, novels and magazines, prices of which range from 60 cents to HK\$10.

Posters—some with the familiar Red Star—are full of slogans. Conspicuous to English-speaking visitors are the "Soviet Literature," "New Times" and "China Digest." Published in French, German, English and Russian, by the Russian news organ "Truth," the "New Times" devotes some 40 pages to foreign policies of the USSR and current international events.

Rediffusion entertainment!

A recent feature of the Praya is that familiar-looking wooden fawn cabinet with a rattan frame covering the loudspeaker inside it—the Rediffusion set.

Chinese and Western music echoes from block to block as early as 7 a.m. to late midnight.

It is very popular in restaurants, stores and even in fruit stalls.

But, there are here and there the diehards who still prefer to manipulate the dial and select their own favourites from the ether.

Praya wails!

It is an open secret that the adoption of wails and orphans in distress is a favourite among China Coast "sea dogs."

We have heard of many "happy families"—and know of several ourselves.

(Hats off to the benefactors!) Today along the Praya many more wails await their "sugar daddies."

Roaming around and pestering pedestrians for food and money.



This "Sai Kong" junk is under way in tow off Yaumati. Note the peculiar oversized rudder blade (extreme left) which is controlled by the 40-foot extra beam. The man at the end is directing the craft. ("China Mail" Photo)

(Editor's Note—This is the fifth of a series of pictorial features to acquaint the general public with the numerous types of small native craft operating in local waters and their varied usages.)

West River Junk Rare Sight Here

She may be a "dumb" craft having neither sailing nor propelling power, but the West River junk maintains the transportation of one of the vital imports of Hong Kong—firewood from South China.

Seldom seen in local waters—only 15 are registered here but generally less than five are in port at the same time—this type of river vessel is built and found mostly in the West River area, from which she derives her name.

The "Sai Kong" junk is specially used to carry large quantities of firewood from West River ports to Hong Kong. She is also specially designed for this kind of work.

Her carrying capacity and shallow draft enable her to reach the source of supplies which are generally situated in shallow water areas.

Because of the swift running currents and narrow channels of the West River, the "Sai Kong" junk is a unique craft, a blade which helps her to manoeuvre in such cases.

The peculiar oversized blade (seen in left corner of picture) measures normally about 18 feet long and five feet wide. It is perforated to reduce the pressure of the water. An extra beam about 45 feet long resting on a pivot built on the stern, controls the direction of the rudder when navigating in dangerous waters.

The hull is made of Chinese fir and has a flat bottom which rises gradually towards the bow and stern. The draught of the craft is very shallow.

The "Sai Kong" is always under tow. But when necessary she can be operated by means of long poles but only for short distances.

Shallow Draught

The average length of this category of native craft is about 80 feet with a 22-foot beam and a carrying capacity of about 170 tons. When fully loaded she has a draught of only six feet.

Ten to 15 people man the junk, including the owner and his family which normally comprises five persons.

The "Sai Kong" is seldom seen in the harbour because she leaves port as soon as she has discharged her cargo. Once in port she will lie alongside the Praya for about three days to unload the firewood.

They are usually seen idle at Shamshui and at the old Chung Chau Ferry Wharf (Hong Kong).

Organized and run by the Port Welfare Committee, the Club is open to all visiting seamen who automatically become members as soon as their ships enter port.

Recreation facilities already attracting many members include a football pitch, a spacious lounge with a well-stocked bar, a large hall for indoor games and readily convertible into a dance floor, a reading and writing room and dressing rooms with lockers and showers.

In the near future a tennis court will be laid out on the open space behind the Club house, where a pavilion is ready, looking resplendent in cream and green.

The newly-rehabilitated Club house is an ideal spot to relax. The environs are perpetually fanned by breezes from Kowloon Bay.

Football matches between ships' teams have been popular since the pitch was made available. Last month alone saw 18 soccer games played between members of various ships.

Games can be arranged by contacting the Club house by telephone—No. 58956.

The Club House is easily accessible by bus and taxi. From the Star Ferry Pier, Kowloon, Bus No. 3 delivers visitors on a 10-cent fare. It is opposite the Rosary Church and adjacent to the Chatham Road Camp where the Royal Marine Commandos are now billeted.

By taxi, the fare costs \$1. The bus service operates as late as 11.30 p.m. Taxis are available at any time.

Who's Who

"It is the capable, experienced bunch of executives in my department around the globe that keeps things humming, the freight moving and the ships full." That's the answer, by "APL" Vice-President (Freight Traffic) Ken Varcoe if you ask him what makes his job tick.

Mr Varcoe returned to the Colony yesterday for a final conference relative to improving freight traffic in the Orient. He is flying to Manila, today en route to San Francisco. He arrived by the President Cleveland.

Interviewing him makes you feel as if you are on the sports field "punting" the leader of a football team.

"These men may be relatively young in age, but each has 15 to 20 years of shipping experience behind him," he added.

"Frankly, my chief contribution is that of performing the



MR. W. KENNETH VARCOE

quartermaster's duties for this great gang," the APL executive smiled.

The first APL saw of Ken Varcoe was in 1925 when a wiry, energetic young man from Alameda, California, reported to work for the Dollar Steamship Lines as an office boy, a job which at that time included among other duties that of driving Captain Robert Dollar, President of the company.

Thus began a meteoric climb up the company ladder, first to clerk, thence through the various freight department desks—outward and inward, transshipment, etc., until he reached its present climax with the appointment of W. Kenneth Varcoe to the position of Vice-President, Freight Traffic on April 27, 1940.

Ask Mr. Varcoe to describe his greatest thrill in the shipping business and you get another typical answer:

"There hasn't been any greatest thrill—just being a part of the organization that keeps our global fleet moving with full cargoes is exciting and satisfying to me. I am extremely proud of our staff," he declared.

RECOGNISE THESE BADGES?

When you see a khaki-clad member of the Harbour Department can you rank him?

It may not be so difficult after all if you study the distinguishing badges, now being prominently displayed at the main entrance of the Marine Office, Connaught Road, Central.

Twenty-five insignia, approved by the Governor recently, identify the ranks of personnel of the Department.

Top listing the executive badges is the Senior Marine Officer's "crown and two and a half stripes," followed by "a crown and two stripes" for the Marine Officer with more than three years of seniority.

Other distinguishing symbols include: Crown and stars (Assistant Marine Officers); crown, light house and star (Light House Steward); crown, propeller and star (Engine Room Steward); crown and star (Tide Surveyor); crown, cross and star (Harbourmaster); crown, wheel and star (Boat Warden); and crown and cross (Boat Warden).

The khaki-clad member who wears an alighting seaman's

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